

Evidentiary document # 5143.

I, William John Davies, an officer of His Majesty's Forces at HQ, ALFSEA, having been duly sworn state;

On the 18th February 1946 at IPOH, Malaya, I acted as Prosecuting Officer at the trial of Sgt. YOSHIMURA Ekio, of the Japanese Kempei Tai, who was charged with illtreating civilian residents of IPOH.

Part of the abstract of evidence in this case were relevant portions of written statement by Mrs. A.C. KATHIGASU. During the trial the accused changed his plea from Not Guilty to Guilty and the abstract of evidence was submitted to the court under R.P. 37 B. The Court asked for the original statement of Mrs. A.C. Kathigasus to be handed in. I handed in the original statement including the irrelevant portions. A true copy of the said statement is annexed hereto and marked exhibit "A" and signed by me.

Sworn before me

(Signed) W.J. DAVIES
Maj. R.A.

this 18th day of April 1946.

(Signed) CHARLES PILL, Capt. R.A.

An officer detailed to examine the above by Commander-in-Chief, Allied Land Forces, South East Asia.

I, Mrs. A.C. KATHIGASU nee SYBIL DALY of 141 Brewster Road, Ipoh, make the following statement:-

I was arrested on the 1st August 1943 in Ipoh at 9.30 and taken to Ipoh Central Police Station that same night. A week later I was charged for treating; providing foodstuffs, and supplying medicines, clothing and money for the members of the Anti-Japanese Campaign (but the Japanese have always called us Communists).

I daresay that my arrest had a lot to do with professional jealousies and this added more fuel to the fire when the C.I.D. who were spying on me for the past six months, obtained proofs from several of our members who were arrested previously and had turned traitors, by pointing me as the one who treated them.

A letter from Headquarters fell into their hands made matters worse. I was branded as a spy owing to several questions in that letter which I had to report to Headquarters regarding Jap Military Movements in town.

In all the tortures that I went through not once did I betray any of my members or Europeans hiding up the hills - so I invented a story saying that I was forced to treat them under the threat of being shot, and that all questions asked in the letter was answered with the words "I don't know". I stuck to this to the last.

Here are the list of my tortures:-

- (1) Water.
- (2) Needles pricked in between my finger-nails.
- (3) Iron rods were heated in the fire, and then applied on my legs and back.
- (4) Slaps and clenched blows were rained constantly on my face.
- (5) I was made to stand in the middle of the room with Japs in the formation of four at each corner of the room kept banging arm-chairs on my head until I collapsed on the floor.
- (6) Canes from one inch to three and a half inches were used to thrash me, many were broken or split in several pieces.
- (7) Pinching my arms and legs was another favourite pastime of the of the Japs till they were quite sore, swollen and very painful.
- (8) Canes with blunt ends were thrust into the sockets of both my knee-caps and the Japs began twisting the cane.
- (9) A long cane was placed between the fingers of both my hands, with one Jap holding the tips of my fingers and another supporting my elbows, while two other Japs hung on either ends of the cane playing a see-saw stunt thereby tearing the flesh in between my fingers.
- (10) I have been ju-jitsued a few times.
- (11) Kicking me with their heavy boots was their daily greeting which lasted throughout each statement.
- (12) I was hung up by one leg, head downwards for several hours at a time.
- (13) I stayed in the Central Police Station for 3½ months and was fed

on 4 tahils of tapioca in the evening and a coconut-shell of sago congee mixed with a few grains of rice in the morning.

All these tortures were administered by the Japs alone and as they were constantly changed I cannot remember them nor do I know their names. I was always carried back to my cell in a very dazed and collapsed condition.

As regards M.P. YOSHIMURA I was taken by him to M.P. Headquarters at Gopong Road 3½ months after from the Central Police Station charged with listening to radio news at Papan. After admitting the radio charge I was asked to answer questions again regarding the help and services rendered to the Anti-Jap campaign. Since M.P. YOSHIMURA could get nothing more further in the matter he used the most painful torture on me - as I had to choose between duty and honour and the life of my child.

My child was hung from a tree about 10 to 12 feet in height, with a fire blazing under her, while I was tied to a post, and lashed with a big stick which broke in two. YOSHIMURA was shouting at me to speak out and speaking out meant death for thousands of people up in the hills. My child answered for me "Be very brave, Mummy. Don't tell. We will both die, and Jesus will wait for us in Heaven above". On hearing these words, I asked YOSHIMURA that he can cut those ropes and burn my baby. I told him that my answer is no, and I would never tell. All I can remember is as they were cutting the rope, God answered my prayer. Some Jap Officers took pity and ordered my child to be taken down. She was sent home and I was sent back to my cell. I stayed over a month at the M.P. Headquarters where I was sent to Batu Gajah jail.

My diet consisted of small cups of compressed rice with few grains of salt, and 2 tumbler tubes of water in 24 hours. No bath and change of clothings. The cells were full of vermins, fleas and bugs. The night soil bucket which consisted of a kerosene tin was emptied when it pleased them to do so. My legs were gradually becoming weaker from the police station and after my arrival at Batu Gajah jail, I lost the use of my legs up till today. I was tried and recommended to be sentenced to death, which was commuted later to penal servitude for life. The food was thoroughly rotten right through, and six months ago I was put into a dark cell by the Jap Superintendent, NAKAMURA, who put me on M.P. diet and one suit of clothes, which I wore till my release. No bath nor any sort of covering was given and I was made to feel the bitter cold at night. This was because I refused to stitch puttees and socks for Nippon soldiers fighting at the Burma front.

I have read this statement and it is true.

(Sgd.) SYBIL KATHIGASU.

(Witnessed) SPELDMINDE.

This is exhibit "A" referred to in the sworn statement made by me this 18th day of April 1946 being a true copy of the original statement of Mrs. A.C. Kathigasau.

(Sgd.) M.J. DAVIES

Before me,

Maj. R.A.

(Sgd.) CHARLES PILE, Capt. R.A.

證據書類第五一四三號

東南亞細亞羣洲英帝國軍司令部附英國々王陛下軍
ノ士官ナル余「ウィリアム。ジョン。デービス」
ハ宣誓ノ上左ノ如ク陳述ス。

千九百四十六年（昭和二十一年）二月十八日馬來
「イポー」ニ於テ余ハ同地在住市民ヲ應待セシ廉ニ
依リ告訴サレタル日本憲兵隊ノ吉村~~左~~軍曹ノ裁判ニ
於ケル檢察士官タリキ。

本件ノ証言ノ拔萃ノ部分ハ「エー。シー。カシガ
ス」夫人ノ書面陳述中ノ本件ニ關係アル部分ナリ。
審理中被告ハ無罪ヨリ有罪ニ申立テ變更セリ。而シ
テ証言ノ拔萃ハ手續法規³⁷項ニ依リ法廷ニ提出セラ
レタリ。法廷ハ「エー。シー。カシガス」夫人ノ陳
述書ノ本紙ノ手交ヲ要~~要~~セリ。余ハ本件ニ無關係ナ
ル部分ヲモ含ム陳述書本紙ヲ手交セリ。該陳述書ノ
真正ノ寫ハ本書ニ添附シ證據物件「A」ト符號ヲ付
ク且ツ余ノ署名モ附シアリ。

證據物件「A」

「イポー」「ブルースター」街一四一號居住ノ「
エー。シー。カシガス」（同姓シズル。ダリー）
夫人ナル余ハ左ノ陳述ヲナス。

余ハ千九百四十三年（昭和十八年）八月一日九時
半「ババン」ニ於テ返歸セラレ同夜「イポー」中央

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警察署ニ送ラレタリ。

以下ハ余ニ加ヘラレタル拷問ノ表ナリ。

(一) 水責メ

(二) 手指ノ爪ノ間ニ針ヲ刺スコト

(三) 鐵棒ヲ火中ニシテ熱シ其レヲ余ノ脚及ビ背ニアテル
コト

(四) 平手又ハ拳ニテ余ノ顔面ヲ常時連打サレタルコト

(五) 余ハ室ノ真中ニ立タサレ室ノ四隅ニハ一隅毎ニ日

本人四名ガ一組トナツテ余ガ床上ニヘタベルマデ

余ノ頭上ニ肘掛椅子ヲ打突ケタリ

(六) 一時カラ三時半迄ノ「ステツキ」ヲ以テ管打タレ

其「ステツキ」ハ多クハ數個ノ切レニナツテ折レ

又ハ裂ケタリ

(七) 余ノ脚及ビ脚ガ終ニタダレ、腫レ上リ又疼ク迄之

ヲ振ルコトハ日本人ノ好キナ遊戯ノ一ツナリキ

(八) 先覺ノ丸クナツタ「ステツキ」ヲ余ノ膝蓋骨ノ孔

ノ中ニ突キ込ミ日本人ガ之ヲ振ルコト

(九) 長イ「ステツキ」ヲ余ノ兩手ノ指間ニ入レ一人ノ

日本人ガ余ノ指先ヲ持チ今一人ノ日本人ガ余ノ肘

ヲ支ヘ他ノ二人ノ日本人ガ其ノ「ステツキ」ノ兩

端ニアラサガリ「シーソー」ニ當ラシ以テ余ノ指

間ノ肉ヲ傷ケルコト

(十) 余ハ數度柔術ヲシカケラレタリ

(十一) 彼等ノ重イ長靴ニテ蹴ルコトハ陳述ノ度毎ニ始終

繼續セラレシ御挨拶ナリキ。

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(十) 二余ハ頭ヲ下ニ片足ニテ一度ニ数時間吊サレタリ

(十) 三余ハ中央警察署ニ三ヶ月半居リシガ其食卓ハ夕食
ハ四「タヒル」^(table)ノ「タビオカ」^(cage)ニテ朝食ハ少シ
計リノ米粒ガ入ツタ「セイゴ」^(cage)ヲ椰子殻ノ碗
ニ入レタモノ一碗トナリキ

以上ノ期間ハ日本人丈クニ依リテ行ヘレタリ。而
シテ日本人ハ始終交替セシ爲、余ハ日本人ノ顔ヲ
ヨク記憶セズ又其ノ姓名モ知ラズ、余ハ常に目マ
ヒ又ハ無氣力ノ状態ニテ監房ニ遅ト返サレタリ。
余ガ柱ニ括リツケラレ、居ル間ニ余ノ鎖ハ十呎乃至
十二呎位ノ高サノ木ヨリ吊サレ身体ノ下ニテ火ヲ
燃シテ「ステツキ」ガ二ツニ折レル迄大キナ「ス
テツキ」ニテ警打タレタリ。

余ノ廿四時間内ノ食卓ハ少量ノ鹽ヲ交ゼシ壓搾米
ノ飯ヲ小サナ「コツブ」ニ数杯ト二杯ノ水呑「コ
ツブ」^(tube)ノ水トナリキ。風呂モナケレバ着物ヲ取替
ヘルコトモ出来ザリキ。監房ハ害虫、蚤及ビ南京虫
虫ニテ一杯ナリキ。